Using the Bank's Funds to Carry on Oil Speculations-An Ohio Bank Robbed of \$50,000 to \$75,000 by its Two Cushiers. ROCHESTER, Dec. 20 .- Through an approprintion of about \$350,000 of the funds of the City Bank of Rochester by its President C. E. Upton, to carry on oil speculations, the bank this morning closed its doors. The amount of deposits is stated at \$500,000 and the amount of paper held by the bank at \$800,000. Upton was Treasurer of the Western New York Epis-The savings banks of the city had large sums on depositin the bank. J. Breck Perkins, the attorney of the bank, and one of its directors. made the following statement this morning:

I telegraphed last evening to the Attorney-General, by direction of the Board of Directors, asking permission to apply to the Court for the appointment of a receiver. Judge Dwight said he would grant the application as scon as word was received from the Attorney-General. I expected an answer last might, but Mr. Russell was at Norwich, I shall have to go to Albany to see him. A month ago I considered the bank perfectly sound. The cause of the failure was speculation with the funds of the bank by the President, C. E. Upten, in oil. Lately he has speculated to the amount of hundreds of thou-sands of barrels—280,000 barrels, he said, for himself, he has speculated to the amount of hundreds of thousands of barrels—280,030 barrels, he said, for himself, and a great deal more for other parties not connected with the bank. Two or three weeks ago there was a heavy fall in prices. He took the money from the bank to carry this. Immediately after that the directors were informed that checks of the City Bank had been thrown out by the American Exchange Bank in New York, its correspondent. We then began an investigation to get what information we could, and found everything in confusion. We wished Mr. Upton to make a statement, and he finally said that he owed about \$200,000, and had property of the value of about \$100,000, which he agreed to secure to the bank. His statement was indefinite as to the amount of the debt, and there was apparent equivocation. Mr. L. P. Ross and myself went to New York and saw the officers of the American Exchange Bank. Too gave us such information as they could, and advised us to try and carry Upton through and get in what money we could. We came back and got in what money we could. We came back and got in what money we could. We rised to furnish ourselves with ready money. On Sunday, at a meeting of the directors, Mr. Upton avreed to execute various conveyances on Monday at 10 ectors. He did not do it. He said that his house on East avenue was deeded to his wife some years acc, and we find this to be a fact, and that \$10,000 of stock in the Charlotte Iron Works was in hername. On stock in the Charlotte Iron Works was in hername. On Tuesday morning the directors agreed to raise \$100,000, go on with business, and let Mr. Upton step out, we goon with business, and let Mr. Unton step out, we thinking that amount would enable the bank to continue business. We met again at 3 P. M., and it was then stated that Mr. Upton's habilities to the bank were, in his own same and in the names of other parties whose names only represented his \$50,000. Mr. Upton then executed amortisate inpon some property which may, perhaps, agreemen in value between \$50,000 and \$100,000. We understand from the statement made to us that the deposits amount in round numbers to \$50,000, and that the bank holds about \$600,000 of paper, which outside of Mr. Upton's amount, we considered would have been concludable at face value, if the bank had not been compelled to close its doors.

The first sales at the Exchange this morning were at 80 cents, a drop of 41, cents from the cosing price last evening. Immediately there was a panic among weak holders and a great deal of oil was dumned upon the market. This had the effect of forcing the market down to 71, when there was a panse, with a partial restoration of confidence, and the strong men legan to buy. Under the influence of heavy purchases the market became firmer, and advanced to 82's but past when the bulls began to be good the report was received that the City National Bank of Rochester, which had been carrying a great deal of oil had failed.

Another panic ensited and the downward course continued until the close, when 784 was bid. In the afternoon the market opened at 79, advanced to 81's, declined to 80, and closed at 81's. A number of dealers were spoken to but none ventured to give an opinion as to what the next turn would be.

JEFFERSON, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The community here is much agitated over the defalcations of 8, J. Fuller and H. L. St. John, the cashier and assistant cashier of the Second National Bank, and the suspension of the bank pending an investigation, Fuller has field. He has been speculating and used \$50,500 or \$75,000 of the bank's funds. St. John, on learning that the crime was discovered, had a stroke of paralysis. The depositors are not likely to lose their money, the stockholders being liable for \$200,000, which is far more than the average amount of deposits.

The correspondents of the City Bank in this city was the American Exchange National Bank. Drafts of the Rochester Bank on the American Exchange Bank to the amount of about \$30,000 were rejected yesterday morning. The officers of the American Exchange Bank said yesterday that they had loaned the insolvent bank about \$30,000 on commercial paper, but did not expect to suffer any loss.

## FRAUD IN A STATE PRISON.

Convicts Stealing Coatly Furs from the Felt

Hat Manufacturer. Boston, Dec. 20 .- A unique system of fraud, by which a gang of convicts in the State prison at Concord have for many months been enriching themselves, will be exposed by the Journal. Waring Brothers, felt hat manufacturers of New York, are the victims, and their losses by a long series of systematic robberies cannot be definitely estimated, although amounting to several thousand dollars. The

amounting to several thousand dollars. The firm has for several years employed over three bundred men at the prison in the manufacture of hats. Among other material there is used annually about \$250,000 worth of high-priced imported rabbits' fur, which is sent to the prison in three-peand packages.

The firm has for some time been unable to account for the inferior quality of the best lines of goods sent from the prison to the warehouse. The stinulated amount of high-grade furs has been regularly used in the mixing room, and the books detailing the operations in this department, as kept by a convict, ex-Treasurer of a big corporation, showed that all the stock was being used to the best advantage. Suspicion was first awakened not long ago by the receipt of this note by a member of the firm deion was first awakened not long ago by the secipt of this note by a member of the firm rom a recently discharged convict.

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An Interview was land, but, on Mr. Waring's declining to pay a large sum, the regionations were broken off; but in close watch of the men in the room where Bronnan had be mem, e.g. of slipping one or two packages of the most valuable fines into a sack of waste pamer. In two house to be sent to the runk denier. Starre, the latest of swingle man, the sack of waste pamer that was houst to be sent to the runk denier. Starre, the latest of sack of waste pamer that was houst to be sent to the runk denier. Starre, the latest of sack of waste pamer that was a manner that was the latest of the sack of the runsit of the pamer that the basel of another sorved a first addressed to the runsit of another sorved a first addressed to the runsit. The same family runsit is a thirt research by Mr. Waring from Branan. The same function of the same family as that research by Mr.

MR. COOPER DECLARED SANE.

Nineteen in 22 Jurors Reach a Verdiet that Dr. Hiram M. Eddy, who has been physiclan on Ward's Island a year, and in the Hudson County Lunatic Asylum four years, testifled yesterday at the continuation of the inquiry as to the sanity of Henry Prouse Cooper, that he had examined Mr. Cooper twice, once in November, and once during the present menth. He found none of the indications of general paresis, and thought that Mr. Cooper was of sound mind. On cross-examination Mr. Stillman tripped the witness a little in his anatomy by puzzling him to describe the fifth nerve, and committing him copal diocese, and had its funds in the bank.

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a Tartar in his cross-examination of the next witness. Dr. Tausky, who was exceedingly free with technical terms and Latan words, and greatly amused the jury. The Doctor said he found Mr. Cooper's physical condition below par, but his mental condition good. He had observed a condition of the tongue in Mr. Cooper which he had seen hundreds of times as the result of alcoholism. He thought Mr. Cooper sane.

Mr. Albert C. Bage of the firm of Wm. Purcell & Co. testified that he had seen Mr. Cooper nearly every day, and considered him sane. Both sides then announced that they had concluded their testimony. There was some talk of an adjournment, but Mr. Cooper and his counsel were anxious to close the case. Mr. Cooper said, "You must remember, I am kept in jail all the time."

In summing up for Mr. Cooper Mr. Abbett said that Mr. Cooper's success in business had been phenomenal, his methods of advertising were his own, and he had built up a great business by his own, genius. He argued that there was an absolute and unmistakable breakdown in the effort to prove that Mr. Cooper was the subject of delusions of grandeur.

Mr. Stillman recalled to the jury that the presecution represented a wife and three children, whose future was in their hands. It was for the jury to say whether the unrestrained liberty, and license that had marked Mr. Cooper's life should continue to impoverish his wife and children.

The froom was then cleared and the jury entered upon their deliberations. The law requires that at least twelve of the juryers shall agree in order to pronounce a subject insane. After deliberating an hour and a quarter the jury, nincteen out of twenty-two, have decided that Henry Prouse Cooper is a sane man, and competent to manage himself and his property."

Mr. Cooper said that the expense of the trial to him was about \$8,000, oxclusive of the cost of his wife's counsel.

NEW YORK'S MISSING MERCHANT.

Mr. Rich Positively Traced to Richmond-His Visit to a Suburban Villa.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 20.—The missing merchant, Rich, of New York, whose mysterious disappearance caused such a stir, has been positively traced to this city. A few days ago. disappearance caused such a stir, has been relied to close its doors. It is said that Upton drew \$75,000 last night for his private uses. He drank heavily inst evening. The city has no funds in the bank but the county is badly invoived.

The William C. Moore banking house at Victor, N. Y., suspended payment to-day. The suspension is in consequence of the failure of the City Bank of Rochester.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—One of the directors of the broken bank at Rochester, H. C., Roberts, was at the Continental Hotel this afternoon. He said that the failure was altogether unexpected. President Upton has been carrying 600,000 barrets of oil at 80 cents, which he night have said at \$1, giving him a profit of about \$180,000, but he chose to held on for \$1.25 per barret. The latest quotations are about 84 cents. This, Mr. Roberts said, would still make President Upton's operations, and that dhe failure was allowed the decline in the oil market, became alarmed and made a run on the bank. From other sources it is learned that Mr. Upton had large quantity of oil put on him at \$1.30. Mr. Robinson's villa.

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At the residence of Mr. Rich, in this city, 252
East Fifty-third street, nothing had been heard
last evening with reference to his supposed anpearance in Richmond, Mr. Wm. M. Newman,
a brother-in-law of Mr. Rich, said that the
missing man did not smoke, and that smeking
would probably make him sick. A photograph
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BRANFORD'S SCHOOL TROUBLE.

The Fight Between the Principal and the

School Visitor Carried to the Courts. NEW HAVEN, Dec. 20 .- In September last C. B. Cunningham, an 1881 Dartmouth graduate, aged about 26, went to Branford, about sight miles from this city, on trial as principal of the high school. He had under him five teachers and 300 pupils. From the first Dr. Walter H. Zink, the acting school visitor, did not take to him, and about three weeks ago, at a meeting of the School Board, he recommended that the principal be dismissed as incompetent. This led to bad feeling between the two men. They met on Friday evening last in the barroom of the Totoket Hotel, where Mr. Cunningham boarded. They had words. Dr. Zink is elderly and trascible. He called the principal a liar. Mr. Cunningham promptly siapped his face. The Dector grabbed the heavy hotel inkstand and tried to throw it. Friends caught his hand, and the ink ran down his sleeve. Then he seized his cane and rushed at the principal. Again friends interfered. He childlenged Mr. Cunningham to go out-ide and fight it out, but the spectators would not permit it. The next day he had Mr. Cunningham arrested for assault. Mr. Cunningham's counsel entered a demurrer, which was sustained, and the defendant was discharged. Dr. Zink got out another warrant and Mr. Cunningham was on trial from last evening until cridinght. The result was that he was fined 31 and 310 costs. Thereupen the principal caused the arrest of the acting school visitor for striking him with his cane, the claim being that after the principal shapped the school visitor the latter managed to get in a blow with his stick. Civil suits are also threatened, and a high state of excitement prevails in the town. a meeting of the School Board, he recommended of excitement prevails in the town.

A County Without a Sheriff.

ELIZABETH, Dec. 20.—The Constitution of New Jersey requires Sheriffs to renew their bonds annually, and the statute provides that if a Sheriff neglects, refuses, or is unable to file his bond at the proper time, the office shall immediately become vacant; and if he shall be prasting to act as Sheriff afterward, all his acts shall be absolutely void, and he binself shall be liable to indictment and fine. The first year in office of Thos. Foreyth, the last man elected sheriff of 1 inton county, expired in November, and he should have renewed his bonds them. The neglected hold he should have renewed his bonds them. Sheriff, and the failure to county with the law has just been discovered.

Lawyers say that all of the hundreds of writs, summerses, and executions issued in the past month are void as well as his acts in calling grand and petit jurors for the term of court that beguns dan. 2. The Governor can appoint a new Sheriff, but no Juries can be summered in time, and all shaes and executions will have to uses, or is unable to file his bond at the proper time, the

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HER FLYING VISIT TO RICHMOND AS MRS. HENRIETTA PIGEON.

stituting a Satt for Divorce from her Husband of that Name on the Grounds of Deser-tion and Crushy-To Return in February. RICHMOND, Dec. 20 .- No little stir has been caused here to-day by certain facts which have Jeaked out about a divorce suit instituted in the Chancery Court of this city under the title of Pigeon agt. Pigeon. The strange movements of the fair plaintiff, and such facts as are known about her hasty trip to Richmond, have led to the suspicion that Mrs. Labouchere is the woman who asks for a divorce. On Dec. 4 Messrs, Carrington, Davis & Hooper, a leading law firm of this city, were visited by a woman who was accompanied by Messrs. Dunning & Fowler, attorneys at law of New York. The woman, accompanied by a maid and the New York lawyers, arrived in this city

Members of the firm of Dunning Edsall. Hart & Fowler last night declined to throw any light upon the report from Richmond. They were non-committal when asked whether they were non-committed in the of them suggested that the firm name might have been used in connection with the matter, because one of the partners was acquainted with Mr. Labouchere and the firm had transacted some business for that gentleman. He also suggested that, in his opinion, it would be advisable to wait a while for further developments before giving publicity to the report. The mention of the name of the firm in connection with the matter was deprecated.

A MURDERER AT LARGE.

How the Slayer of Detective Lambrecht

Escaped from Sing Sing Prison. George Lavery, who in 1872 killed Detective Lambrecht of the Fifty first street squad with a paving Lambrecht of the Fifty-first street squad with a paving stone, and was sentenced to imprisonment for life, escaped from Sing Sing on Tuesday evening. He acted as a hall servant, filled the beds in the cells, and was employed to do "chores" around the prison. By his good beliavior he had carried the confidence of his jailers. He took advantage of the fact, and of the freedom accorded him by his employment to rig up a dummy, which he placed in his cell on Tuesday. When by P. M., which is orking up time, arrived, he secreted himself in another part of the prison. The dummy in his cell caused the torner, who looked in through the grating, to sippose to the total street, who looked in through the grating, to sippose viet said stuffed with attracely. The dummy was a convict said stuffed with attracely. The dummy was a convict said stuffed with attracely. The dummy was a convict said stuffed with attracely. The dummy was a convict said stuffed with attracely. The dummy was a convict said stuffed with attracely. The dummy was a convict said stuffed with attracely. The dummy was a convict said stuffed with attracely. The dummy was a convict said stuffed with attracely. The dummy was a convict said stuffed with a tracely of the bed in the fill the said stuffed of a run of the cell which has been converted to the received in the received on the ice. As soon as his absence was discovered, which was not for some time, the guards searched the neighborhead of the prison, but the fugitive could not be found, nor could any trace of him he discovered.

An Important Patent Suit.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 20.-An important suit has PITTSBUEGH, Doc. 20.—An important suit has been entered in the United States District Court by the Atlantic Giant Pewder Company of California against Marcus Hulings of this city. It is a suit in equity for infringements of patents had by the complainant company covering certain process imployed in the manufacture of nitro glycerine, sain subject in shoot all other explosives. If the patents are related shoot all other explosives. If the patents are related to evaild it will give the complainant almost a monopoly of the manufacture of explosives in the United States, which will be far more valuable than the Roberts for pedo patent. Coursel for the defendants moved to dismiss the bill, which motion was overruled. The defendants then demurred, which was also overruled, and sixty days time was granted to file their answer. The same company also brings action in equity for infringements of the same patents against Wilson & Barr, Boland & Barr, and J. G. Howe et al.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-Minister Hunt in-WARHINGTON, Doc. 20.—Minister Hunt informs Secretary Chandler that he received a despatch to-day from Lieut. Harber, It was sent by mai from Yakutak, to Irkutak, and was telegraphed from that point. Harber and Schutze maile a scarch of the coust from the Lena to the Yana rivers and Olousk. They ran several routes through the Dolta and communicated with natives who during the summer, visited every pertun of the Delia. No trace of Lieut, I dipps party was found. The order to bring the buddes home had just been received. Software and Harber will return to the keep received. Software offer the return to the keep received. Software the Allarians persuisation of the kines for the collection of the Received Constitution of the Received the the Receiv

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LANGTRY IN PHILADELPHIA.

Mr. Gebbardt Registered at the Same Hotel

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The discovery of Mr. Fred. Gebhardt's name on the register of the Hotel Bellevue, where Mrs. Langtry is stopping, caused a thrill of excitement society circles this morning that was not at all lessened when it was learned that they had breakfasted together. Mrs. Langtry's rooms are on the first floor, and Mr. Gebhardt's are on the floor above, near the head of the stairs. At 1 P. M. Mrs. Langtry, who had remained secluded in her apartments all the forencen, stepped out into Broad street, accompanied by Mr. Frederic Gebhardt and a Mr. Richard Pe

ters. The trio, Mrs. Langtry forming the central figure, walked briskly along until they reached Chestnut street, down which thorough

tral figure, walked briskly along until they reached Chestnut street, down which thoroughfare they turned. Mrs. Langtry looked cheerful and happy. Now and then the party paused to look at the holiday gifts displayed in the windows of the stores. On passing the Continental Hotel Mrs. Langtry was recognized by the passers by, and before the corner of Eighth and Chestnut streets was reached a hundred men and women were struggling to get a good look at her face. With the view, presumably, of getting rid of the curious throng that rapidly swelled in numbers, the party turned down Eighth street.

The cry. There goes Mrs. Langtry." attracted idlers from all directions, and as the corner of Sansom street was reached a band in a neighboring place of amissement struck up a lively air. Owling to the eyer-increasing crowd of persons that now fairly hommed in the party, progress began to be no easy matter. As Walnut street was reached, Mr. Gebhardt, seeing probably that it was hopeless to continue walking in peace, hailed a passing car, and the party took seats therein. On returning to the hotel Mrs. Langtry and her escort lunched in the public dining room and afterward went out for a drive. Mrs. Langtry and Mr. Gebhardt peremptorily declined to receive representatives of the pross. In conversation with an acquaintance Mr. Gebhardt said, incidentally that there was not a word of truth in the statements that had been published relative to his exclusion from any portion of the theatre at Boston. He had never seen Mr. Stetson in his life, he added, and did not know him.

At Haverly's to-night Mrs. Langtry played Rosalind, and was very coldly received. The audience got to guying some members of the company. There were very few flowers.

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Mr. Mook shows great age, it is true, but less than many a one who has not attained so many years. His hair is silvery white. The loss of his teeth has rendered his utterance somewhat defective, the sight of his left eye has been impaired by neuralgic pains, and his limbs with difficulty bear him about his room, but his mental faculties are still bright, his memory is excellent, his hearing is good, and he still relishes his pipe. He has had four sons and three daughters. One of the sons was killed by an accident, but the others are living.

DINING A COUNTRY TOWN.

How the Wedding and Birthday of Mr. M. C. Tilden was Celebrated in Williamsbridge.

An old-fashioned village festival was held in Williamsbridge, Westchester County, last night to commemorate the marriage of Mr. Miland C. Tilden and the twenty minth anniversary of his birth. While travelling in Europe Mr. Tilden met a young English woman, to whom he was wedded on Thanksgiving Day. To please the people who live about his estate in the Westchester hills, he postponed the public celebration of his unitfails until his birthday, and then commemorated both events after the hospitable fashion of the old English Squires. All the people round about were invited to the festivities, which were held in Jerome Hall. The hall was brightly lighted and set with snowy tables, which were held in Jerome Hall. The hall was brightly lighted and set with snowy tables, which creaked beneath loads of good things. The walls were gayly decorated with evergreens and flags. Above the host's table, worked in Christmas greens, was the inscription "Welcome to the Feast. A Merry Christmas and a lispay New Year to Mr. and Mrs M. C. Tilden, 1882," which had been placed there by the people of the place. At Py's cclock the Washington Light Guards, a company of young soldiers clad in light Guards, a company of young soldiers clad in light Guards, a company of young soldiers clad in light Guards, a company of young soldiers clad in light Guards, a company of young soldiers clad in light Guards and an and women took their blaces at the tables.

There were rousing cheers when the bride and groom nemorate the marriage of Mr. Miland C. Tilden and the

A great cloud of smoke was seen coming from on the post sounded an alarm. An assistant teacher no titled the principal, Mrs. Anna C. McHugh, who rang a fire alarm bell which would two signals simultaneous by in each of the rich could be signals simultaneous. It is not so that a minute the 470 children of the school. In less than a minute the 470 children of the school. In less than a minute the 470 children of the fire school in less than a minute the 470 children of the fire school and the street, four classes going out by the main entrance and fire by the side exits. Janitor Hart says that the discipline of the children was admirable. They were cool, and not a single one was hurt. When the fire companies arrived all the children were on the sidewalk. Alaxious parents fasseled to the spot and created some confusion in seeking their children. Police Sergeant Brophy and others quieted like crowd. A firs in a defective this proved to be the cause of the alarm. It was put to the force the firemen arrived. Afterward the children were recalled, and resumed their studies in the school.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Commissioner of Pensions has made a full report of the statistics of his office. The number of pensioners on the rell is 201,636, with an annual value of \$30,013,000. The total applications pending are 207,201. The total on the reapparations pending are 297,201. The total on the re-pected five is 70,883, of whom perhaps to per cent, with input reconsideration, receive favorable action. The total districtment under the Arriests of Fermion at the 1878 to date (\$17,881,98). The estimated amount that may be ped for arriests of persons in fruitre acceptance 70,0481. Under the same calculation the promote action will be increased to 38,555, with an energy con-traction of the person of the person of the person of pediate the person of the person of the person of the person refer when do note offers it would increase in the person refer when do note offers it would increase the administrating of the roll \$5,824,724.

Louisville Officials Indicted.

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SKATING IN CENTRAL PARK.

THOUSANDS MAKING USE OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEASON.

Divers Methods of Practising the Difficult Art Illustrated-The Hardest Fall Experienced by a Boy-Under the Calciums.

Yesterday, for the first time this season there was skating in the Central Park. Early in the morning there were several hundred skaters at the north end of the lake. As the day wore on their numbers increased, and they extended the boundaries of their recreation down to the east end, to a line of danger signals. Over the shallower parts of the lake the ice was said to be four inches thick.

By the middle of the afternoon the scene was very animated and pleasing. Most of the skaters were young men and boys, who gave themselves up to the sport with a hearty abandon that seemed to have no other purpose than crowding the greatest amount of exercise into a brief space of time. They did not trouble

don that seemed to have no other purpose than crowding the greatest amount of exercise into a brief space of time. They did not trouble themselves with attempts at fancy skating, as a rule, but just went in for rapid movement. Late in the afternoon a number of more sedate and elderly skaters joined the throng, generally moving very gingerly, as if they rather doubted whether they lind not lost the trick of it through lack of practice. Now and then one of these would come down in a quite undignified way, to the great delight of the smail boys, the unconcealed amusement of a hot of merry school girls on the bank, and his own manifest disgust. But there was only one really severe fail during the day. That was suffered by a boy named Joseph Ivory of 430 Seventh avenue. He said as he sat in the skaters house a couple of hours after the accident, that he "thought he must have fallen down." There was no doubt about it in the mind of the Park policeman who carried him in from the ice insensible, or of the doctor who patched up a big out in his scalp. But he was able to go home alone.

At 4 o clock there were at lenst 2,000 skaters moving at once on the ice, and quite as many spectators along the banks near the skaters' house and at the boat landing. Comparatively few girls appeared on the ice, though there were many among the spectators during the day. In the evening, however, they turned out in great numbers, and up to 10 o clock all the safe available space for skating was crowded more than at any time during the day. There would no doubt have been many who simply appeared as lookers-on who would have joined the skaters had he man been about who lets skates, but the season seemed to have been rather sudden for him. He did not appear, and the small boys, who in good days catch many nickels for their services in putting on or takning off skates, wandered about disconsolately, with little to do. The skaters during the day were of the young, self-reliant, and independent type, who preferred to serve themselves, and the e

NEWS FROM THE OLD WORLD.

Not for Peace at any Price.

LONDON, Dec. 20,-Mr. Chamberlain, President of the Board of Trade, speaking at a meeting of the National Federation, at Ashton under-Lyne, last night,

Germany and Russia. Berlin, Dec. 20.-The North German Gazette, referring to an article in the Moscow Gasette on the re

Michael Flynn Sentenced to Denth. DUBLIN, Dec. 20,-Michael Flynn, the last of DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—Michael Flynn, the last of the three men arraigned for the morder of the two Huddys at Louch Mask, was convicted to-day, and sentenced to be hanged on Jan. 17. The jury deliberated an hour hefore bringing in their verdict. After Flynn you, sir, family sentence, he said to the Judge. Thank you, sir, family sentence, he said to the Judge. Thank you, sir, family on the condition of the protested his impocence.

Davitt on Crime in Ireland.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Mr. Davitt, speaking at a meeting at Stalybridge, Eng., last evening, said that the land question had assumed a feverish phase. The English mind had become exerted in consequence of renewed cutrages and murders. Crime, he said should be Swort away whose reserved. due the death of the Land League.

Marchal Serrano's Reforms.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—In the Chamber of Depu-tics to day the Under Secretary of the Interior declared that the Government would carry out the reforms de-manded by Marshal Serrano's programme, but it would not modify the Constitution. He appealed to the Lib-erals to rally round the throne as a protest against the aspirations of the Republicans.

The Peace of Europe Not Threatened. PESTH, Dec. 20.—In the Hungarian Diet yesterday, there Tisza, President of the Rungarian Council, replying to a question by Herr Ayron, said the newspaper reports in reference to the condition of the foreign affairs of the empire were partly exaggrated and partly incorrect. He declared that the peace of Europe was in no way threatened.

Eugente's Gift to Marseilles. LONDON, Dec. 20.—The ex-Empress Eugenie has written to M. Rouber requesting him to convey to the town of Marseilles the park and castle which the Court of Law recently decreed belonged to her. In acting thus the ex-Empress says site believes that she is carrying out the wishes of the late Emperor.

Overdank Hanged. VIENNA. Dec. 20.—Intelligence from Trieste ava that Overdank, the bomb manufacturer, was langed to day. He showed no concern whatever, and aughed as he was about to be hanged. To the last he reused spiritual help.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—M. Gambetta was still suffer-ng from fever last evening. A bulletin issued this even-ing announces that it is probable M. Gambetta will speedily recover. The Archbishopric of Canterbury.

London, Dec. 26.—It is announced that the Rev. Dr. Benson, Bishop of Truro, has been offered and has accepted the Architehoptic of Canterbury. LOSSES BY FIRE.

Philip C. Theho's brick block at Pert Edmard N. V was borned vesterday morning. The loss is about 48-jrs. fully covered by neutrance.

Michael Stattery's house and barn at Bondaville, Mass were duried on Thresday light by an incendary with the chartes, time case, and two hores. Loss 41, 53,

KNOCKED DOWN BY AN ACTOR.

fr. Kern's Accusation and Mr. Campbell's Explanation of How he Came to be Guilty.

Mr. Frederick Campbell of 268 West Twen ty-first street, an actor in Daly's Fifth Avenue Theatre, was arrested last night for severely chastising S. H. Kern of 998 Sixth avenue at the corner of Twenty-eighth street and Sixth avenue. Kern, who bore evidences of Camp-bell's assault, preferred the charge. Mr. Campbell's assault, preferred the charge. Mr. Campbell admitted having struck the man, and said that he had done so because, as he was walking along the avenue, he saw the man follow and assault a respectable woman, who screamed and ran up to him (Campbell), exclaiming: "Save me, sir! Save me! I am a respectable working woman!" Mr. Campbell said that he had told her not be afraid; that he would protect her. While he was talking to her this man came up, and, using a foul expression, asked what Mr. Campbell wanted with the woman. He replied that she was a respectable girl, and that her assailant was a coward. The man upon this called Mr. Campbell a vile name, and was at once knocked down. Mr. Campbell says that the man's subsequent behavior led him to knock him down a second time.

Sergeant Tims said he was sorry to have to lock Mr. Campbell up. He allowed the actor to send word to Manager Daly, who quickly responded, and gave bail for the actor in \$500.

INDIANS SWARMING OVER THE BORDER.

They Have Arms, Ammunition, and Whiskey, and Serious Trouble is Feared.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20,-The Indian Office reports that the Milk River country in northern Montana is overrun with half breeds, Crees, and Lame Brules, bands of hostile Sloux In-dians; also that the Yankton Indians, and posdians; also that the Yankton Indians, and pos-sibly others, are obtaining arms, ammunition, and whiskey in unlimited quantities at Norris Place, thirty-five miles above Dry Fork, Mon-tana, and that a collision between the troops and these Indians is apprehended. The most of those intruders are Canada Indians, and steps were taken some days ago, when the de-partment was first advised of their presence in Montana, to prevent them from obtaining arms and ammunition at the trading posts in that section.

THE NEW GERMANY.

President White of Cornell University Bays Many Things in her Praise.

At a meeting of the Geographical Society last evening, in Chickering Hall, Andrew D. White, Presi-dent of Cornell University and late United States Minisevening, in Chickering Hall, Andrew D. White, President of Cornell University and late United States Minister to Germany, delivered a lecture entitled, "The New Germany." He attributed the empire's great strength mostly to her vast system of popular education through polytechnic schools, universities, colleges, museums of industrial art, and national and provincial expositions. He advocated the endorsement here of universities similar to those in Germany, with courses in history political science, and legislative jurisprudence. He thought the German Parliament the best legislative body in existence. Specifics there were of moderate length, and the German Parliament the best legislative body in existence. Specifics there were of moderate length, and Freuch seeming of the explosiveness seen in the Freuch seeming of the explosiveness seen in the Freuch seeming of the caplosiveness seen in the Freuch seeming of the explosiveness seen in the people cared so little for creeds and formula of the people cared so little for creeds and formula that the present of the people of Perlin attended church. No people, however, seemed to be more earnest in its search for truth, justice, and morality. The speaker knew of no country where wealth as wealth possessed so little instinction, and where there was less of senseless luxury and vulgar display. The idea of morality as a necessity was firmly planted in the hearts of the people. A healthful influence was exercised by literature, the drama, art and music. Nothing low or delaaning was tolerated in the drama. Irreverence, seconing, and drunkeness were seldom seen although a great quantity of beer was consumed. In relation to the temperance question, Mr. White said temperance advocates would be better enabled to treat the subject if they studied it in Germany.

Two Thousand Tobarco Men Ask Relief. Two thousand persons attended a mass meet-I wo thousand persons attended a mass meet-ing of manufacturers and dealers in tobacco and eigars at the Cooper Institute last evening. The meeting was

in favor of the abelition by Congress of the internal revenue tax on leaf tobacco and manufactures of tobac-co, and of the passage of a rebate law. Among the of-ficers on the platform were David Hurst, T. Hoffman, D. ficers on the platform were David Rurst, T. Hoffman, D. Spier, J. Hamburger, S. H. Scoville, A. Hammenhein, G. Falk, and A. Sohn. Ex-Mayor Frederick A. Schroeder of Broaklyn presided.

Lovin Faltner said that in this city 18,000 persons are engaged in the various branches of the tobacco, rade, and they are almost unanimously for the repeal of the law. While it remains on the statute book the natural results will be endiess agitation, stagnation in business, closed factories, starving workingmen and women, and failures among all classes in the trade. Since 1882 the tobacco trade has paid as tax into the Freezeny Som, 750, 447, he said, an amount sufficient to refleve it from all further taxation. It was resolved that the various branches of the trade unite in an appeal to be proposed to pass as speedify as possible with a rebate of the trade in the particular distribution of the trade unite in an appeal to be of the trade in the man appeal to be of the trade in the man appeal to be proposed to be of the trade of the man appeal to be of the trade in the man appeal to be of the trade in the man appeal to be of the trade in the same of the same

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.-Capt. Montieth of Fitz John Porter's staff, and who was with Porter at the reaond Bull Run battle delivered a defence of Porter be-fore the Army and Navy Society in secret session last night. Gen. Jacob D. Cox, who has assailed Porter, introduced Montieth. In speaking of the order from Pope to Porter, which Porter is charged with discheving Capt. Montieth said that Porter though not showing it to the letter, did obes the order in spirit and that subsequent exents proved that Porter showed windown in exercising his own discretion. The officers who delivered the order to Porter travelled inthe miles, and reached in a to 96 at much. The character of the country was such that thou them three hours and five internity minutes to make the trip. For a first impulse was to literally follow the order. This shaft advised rost. As it was, the march was made in less time than it would have been made had not the woment army been allowed rest until a ordook. He said that when the order was received its requirements had afready been met, and it the event of mistake the responsibility rested on McDewell. He demonstrates a force of a stack on Longstreet lacked promptness or vigor. night. Gen. Jacob D. Cox, who has assailed Porter in

The will of Mrs. Caroline A. Eggleston a sis-

Wedding Bells in Yorkville. There was joy in Yorkville last evening, Joseph Walker, the popular milkman of Harlem, mar-ried Miss Lottle Subing, daughter of the veteran Jasper J Suling, well known to all the old residents of the Twelfith ward. The happy couple went north on the 11 P. M. train on a bridal tour.

Not Notleed by the Y. M. C. A. Owing to the magnitude of the work of preparation for the "Passion Play" its opening has been de-ferred until Jan. 10. The Young Men's thristian Asso-ciation was invited to supply 500 young men for the Jerusalem multitude, at good wages, but did not reply.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations will report in favor of a ten days' holiday recess.
Twenty counterfait plates, recently captured, were destroyed at the Burcan of Engraving and Frinting yearterday. The office of the Public Printer cost the Government during the mast year \$2.035,100. The Congressional Record cost \$150,502. The voluminous record of Lieut. De Long, giving a de-tailed account of his Arctic cruise, has been put in exi-dence before the Jeannette Board. It was found beside his body.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

James Redpath will deliver a new lecture in aid of the sufferers in bongal, at Cooper Institute, this evening. The water tower which fell and killed a man at the Rattery at its trial afew weeks are, has been repaired, and will be tried again to day at the same place. Charles Furrov, assistant foreign of flook and Ladder Sc 2, and bestter of commissioner Furrov, was vester day made Capitain of the new Brelout Zophar Mails. Christians experies at the Colored Grapha Asylmia at Idail afreet and fenth avenue with be bed on the 27, at 19 M. The managers ask for contributions for a Christians diffuse and toys.

Mrs. Mary Smart, has fleel with the Secretary and of the sufference of the contributions for a Christians of the Arry Smart, has fitted with the Secretary and the sufference of the contributions for a Christians of the Arry Smart, has fitted with the Secretary and the sufference of the contributions for a Christian of the Arry Smart, has fitted with the Secretary and the sufference of the contributions for a Christian of the Arry Smart, has fitted with the Secretary and the sufference of the contributions for a Christian of the Arry Smart, has fitted with the Secretary and the contributions for a Christian of the Christian of t

NOT A FIRST-CLASS CHOICE

PRICE TWO CENTS.

JOHN F. OLMSTEAD OF DUBIOUS RE-

PUTE CHOSEN FOR OFFICE.

iguring as a Real Fatate Ringster, Also in a Suit for Swindling, he Yet Basks in John Sherman's Smiles-Arthur Appoints Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- The nomination of John F. Olmstead for District Commissioner is already meeting with great opposition, and the President is being urged to withdraw it. The President must have been ignorant of Olm-stead's record and his reputation. John Sherman and Don Cameron were Olmstead's spon-sors, as well as some of the heavy real estate interests of the District. The District Committee is in receipt of a large number of letters and protests against confirmation. It is understood that affidavits are being prepared which set forth some of the main facts in Olmstead's record. He was a clerk in the real estate firm of Kilbourn, Latta & Co. These are the men who, with Shepherd, composed the famous real estate pool. Olmstead is now said to be largely interested in the tax certificates which are the legacy of the pool to the taxpayers of the district. Olmstead was brought
forward as a candidate for the appointment
last spring, but his backers, to quiet opposition, caused it to be understood that his
name was withdrawn. They were working,
however, all through the fall. John Sherman,
who owns a great deal of real estate in the
District, and whose agent Olmstead is, was
pressing the appointment, and his influence,
combined with Don Cameron's, availed, Mahone, who confidently expected that the appointment would be given to John M. Langston, was very much put out, but Sherman, to
secure Mahone's vote, has promised no longer
to oppose the confirmation of George C. Gorham for Secretary of the Senate.

Olmstead's relations with the real estate pool
were some years ago fully exposed by The Sun,
During the investigation by the Glover Committee, in the Forty-fourth Congress, into the
transactions of the real estate pool, E. M. Lewis, trustee for Jay Cooke & Co., filed a bill of
disclosure in Chancery against Rilbourn, Latta
& Co., Columbus Alexander, being a creditor of
Jay Cooke for \$16,000, caused copies of this bill
to be made. Immediately after Glover tried to
get the bill or a copy, but it could not be found.
The bill was very damaging to the real estate
pool, and it was charged that Olmstead, without authority, had abstracted it to prevent
publicity.

On Feb. 27, 1874, there is reported in The Sun
an account of a real estate transaction of Olmstead's. As the agent of one Redden, he induced Redden to sign a deed, with the space for
insertion of the purchase money left blank.
Olmstead had informed Redden that he had
accounted for. Walter Davidge began suit
against Olmstead for the recovery of this
money, and Olmstead settled by paying it over.
There are other transactions in Olmstead's
carreer that will be brought to the notice of the
President and the District Committee. which are the legacy of the pool to the tax-payers of the district. Olmstead was brought

Prince Taruhito of Arisugawa spent yester-Frince Taruhito of Arisugawa spent yesterday in attending to private affairs. In the afternoon Gen, and Col. Grant called at the Windsor to bid farewell to the Frince; and at 6% o'clock his Highness and suite started by the Erie rond for Niagars in the special ear Morning Star. M. O'ris Kal of the Yamato Trading Company, M. Takahnes, the Japanese Consul, and Mr. E. G. Storer, diplomatic attache, saw the Frince off. The Chamberlain, M. Hyashi, fold a SEN reporter that the Prince was much piensed with his reception here.

"You found much less ceremony here than in Europe." Tou found much less ceremony here than in Eu-rope!"

"Oh yes, and found it a great relief. The continual dressing and redressing, and ceremonies at every step. dressing and redressing and ceremonies at every step, were very fafiguing. At the court of Japan, which was formerly most punctitions, there is much less ceremony now. We sail for Japan on the 9th of next month."

Gould Stops Building a Railroad.

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 20,-A special to the News from Laredo says: "There is good authority for the report that work on the Mexican, Oriental and Insuspensed. It seems that the Gold-De Gress concession from the Mexicon Government contains a provision which absolutely furfacts to Mexico all work done in case that the road should fail to be completed in conformity with the charter at the terms therein specified; and provides, further, that the Mexican Government simil be the supreme arbiter of the matter, should not foture occur. Gould tried to get a medification to the extent that should work at any time have to be supended no occount of any financial panio in the United States, it would be an exception in his favor. Not succeeding in this, all work has been stopped:

Receiver Pierson's Compensation Reduced ALBANY, Dec. 20.-Superintendent Fairman decided that the compensation of Henry R. Pierson, pany, shall be 31, per cent, on the amount of cash assers coming into the receiver's possession. The amount had been previously fixed by Superintendent Smyth at 5 per cent, but the Court of Appeals directed a rehearing of the case. This will make the compensation of Mr. Pier-son Sic, Col. instead of 480,000, which he claimed before the Court of Appeals sent it back for rehearing.

A uniformed messenger boy was distributing minimated advertising cards in Sixth avenue yesterday afternoon. When in the neighborhood of Twenty-third street he was besieged by a crowd of fashiomaly-dressed shoppers. They poshed against him, grabbed at his cards like starving people matching the head, and at length forced him to dee across the street.

A Thier that Mrs. Nathan Held. While Mrs. J. T. Nathan of 137 East Thirty-

fourth street was walking in Lexington avenue on Tuesday morning William Nixon, a tough leoking young man of 529 First avenue, grabbed her satchel, contain-ing \$30, and started to run. She caught him and held bin until Policeman Dabb arrested him.

Disappearance of K. B. Coppins.

Rufus B. Coppins, a truck owner on a large scale, has been missing from 220 West Twenty first street since Tucsday. He had at least \$1,000 in his possession when he disappeared, and his friends fear that he has come to barm, as his absence is otherwise unaccountable.

The Signal Office Prediction. Snow and rain, warmer east to south winds, wer barometer.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Caballere has been reelected President of Paraguay. The Delaware and Raritan Canal was closed last night, The Stight shocks of carthquake were fell at Panams n Tuesday. on Thesday.

Channery W. Hoff, eighbor of the Union Steamboat
Co. of Buffalo, has been missing several days. His accounts appear to be all right.

Vifteen of the women injured by the explosion in the
cartridge fractory at Mont Valerten, France, on Monday,
laye dood, Others are expected to die.

Alfred Post a conspicuous citizen of Newburgh, and
for fifteen years President of the Highland Sational
lank, died yesterday morning aged Toyears.

The Shicker Bayrd of Trade by a hank, died yesterday morning aged TO years.

The Chicago Board of Trade, by a vote of Ski2 to 130 refused yesterday to repeal the raises prevening penaltics for violating the rules regarding commissions.

The charks of obtaining memory under raise pretences preferred against. Mr. Whalley, member of the British Parliament or Peterioreough, has been disarrised.

John Cowdry, ex Sheriff of Orange County, and Vice-President of the Warwick National Bank dad yesterday afternoon at Warwick, of presimenting aged 65 years.

Battle Lindell and Frederica Peterson at Stimpted to cross the river on the fee from Lake Crix to Stockholm, Wis, with a young man named Andrew Johnson. All were drowned. were drowned.

M. Bontoux, President, and M. Feder, manager of the collapsed Union Generals of Paris, were such sentenced yesterday to five years imprisonment, and to pay a fline of 3,000 france.

Basean Moussael-Akad, Saleiman Daoud, and Said Gandeel will be tried by court insertial in Alexandria today on charges of completely in the massaers and incendiarism there.

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Mesers Randall Bell A Co. a Chicago Papader Teals. breaking his neck.

Messrs Randall Bell A Co. a Chicago Board of Trade constituent in the fall of vesterday morning. They were short for a considerable amount on cere and case. Their habituites are said to be large.

A quantity of worsted yarn and cloth stolen from the Washington Mills. Law inner was removered yesterday. The supposed thief, who is in contesty claims to be fine widow of tien compares of Colonia revolutionary fame.

The Morish steamer Regent from Cordin line of for New Orleans, was abandoned in a shading condition in lift. 4 hough long Tow west, Her crew almost only wently eight, and as a slowaways, have landed at Fallmenth.